

# Medicare's New Prescription Drug Coverage

Be prepared to compare drug coverage that will be available to you

- ✓ Look over your current health insurance coverage. Are prescription drugs covered? What are your out-of-pocket drug costs?
- ✓ Keep a list of the name dosage and cost of the prescriptions you use. Since different plans will cover different drugs, this will help you choose a plan that meets your prescription needs.
- ✓ If you have a limited income, you should have received an application this summer from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to get extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan. If you need another application, contact SSA by calling 1-800-772-1213 or 334-223-7183. When you get this application, fill it out, and return it. Millions of people will qualify for a Medicare prescription drug plan with little or no premiums or deductibles, and low copayments. You might be one of them. If you have full Medicaid with your Medicare, you are automatically qualified for this extra help.
- ✓ If you have prescription drug coverage through a former employer or union, check with your benefits administrator. Medicare prescription coverage may be different for you.
- ✓ If you have prescription drug coverage through a current employer or a Medigap plan, ask for details about their coverage compared to Medicare's.

## Drug Use Table

Drug Name	Strength	Dosage *	Cost per month

\*Dosage means how often do you take each medicine

**For assistance contact:** Medicare (1-800-633-4227) or the Alabama Age Line (1-800-243-5463)